

Recycling – It's not easy being green.

Do you agree or disagree with this topic, or can you see both sides of the issue?
Write to persuade a reader to agree with your own opinions.

Think about:

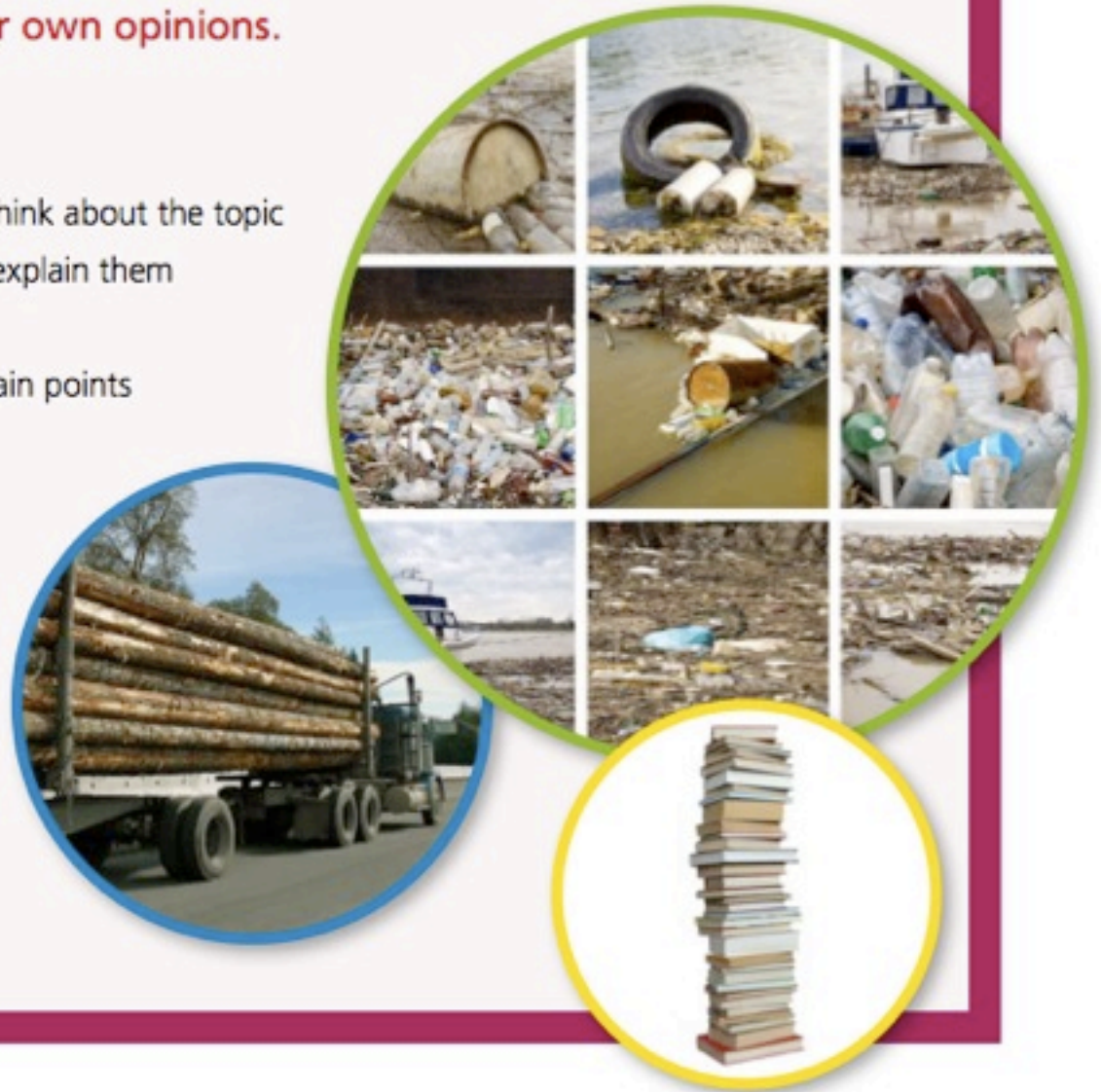
- what your point of view is
- how to write an introduction to clearly state what you think about the topic
- what your arguments are, with reasons or examples to explain them
- how to be persuasive
- how to write a conclusion to give a summary of your main points and a final comment on your opinion

Remember to:

- plan your writing before you begin
- make your writing interesting to read
- write in sentences and stay on the topic
- check your spelling and punctuation
- start a new paragraph for each new idea
- check and edit your writing when you are finished

Look carefully at the pictures.

They may help you with some of your ideas.



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Introduction

Reduce, reuse, and recycle. Everyday we are told that we need to take more care of our environment. But it's not that easy being green – or is it?

Main idea

Over the past few years, local councils have tried to make it easier for people to be green. They provide different coloured bins so residents know where to put their rubbish. Added to these coloured bins are pictures on the bins showing what is allowed and what is not. These steps make it simple for people to recycle most of their household waste and help protect our environment.

Supporting reasons and evidence – one point of view

At the same time, hundreds of thousands of Australians participate in the annual 'Clean Up Australia Day'. This was started by a famous Australia, Ian Kiernan. He aims to make people more aware of the need to look after our country and its unique landscape. It certainly is inspiring to see so many people collecting rubbish from their local areas and the best bit is that most of it is recycled. Surely that many people can't be wrong!

Main idea – another point of view

But on the other hand, some people find the idea of recycling takes too much of their time. They can't be bothered to sort their rubbish, and would rather just send it all to our ever growing tips and dumps. They don't stop to think about what will happen 10, 20 or 30 years down the track when these places are full.

Supporting reasons and evidence – another point of view

Other narrow minded people believe that one person can't make a difference. Well they're wrong. Every item that is recycled is a bonus for our environment as we learn to use our resources in a more efficient way so that they last for years to come.

Conclusion

Recycling is not that hard when you think about it. Almost everything we use can be recycled, from paper to glass to plastic. It makes sense to do everything we can to help protect our environment for the future. Green is the very best colour of all!

